

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

CAROLINA ELEMENTARY

Darlington

Grades: 1-5

Enrollment: 265

Principal: Donna R. Barrett

Superintendent: Dr. Rainey Knight

Board Chair: Connell Delaine

## PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD |                 | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
|      |                 |               | General Performance            | Closing the Gap |            |                         |
| 2010 | Good            | Average       | TBD                            | TBD             | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2009 | Good            | Good          | Silver                         | N/A             | Met        | N/A                     |
| 2008 | Good            | Below Average | N/A                            | N/A             | Met        | N/A                     |

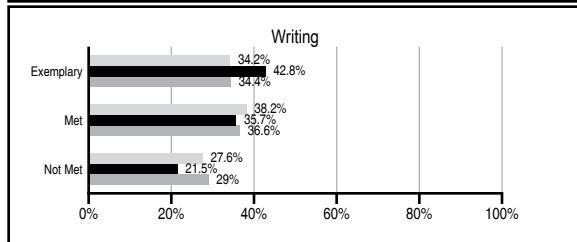
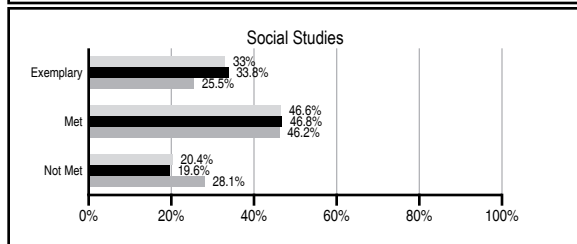
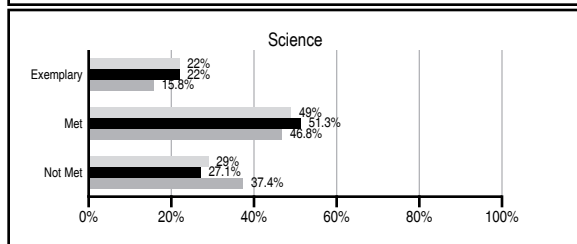
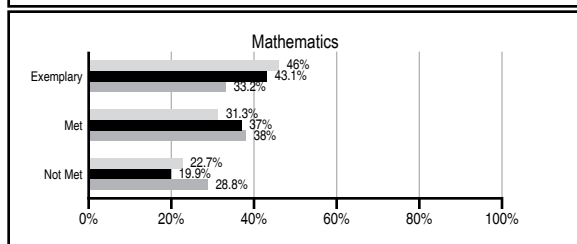
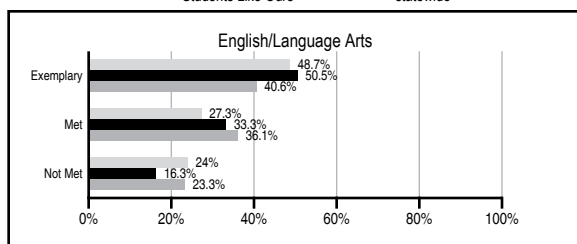
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 29        | 29   | 16      | 0             | 0       |

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

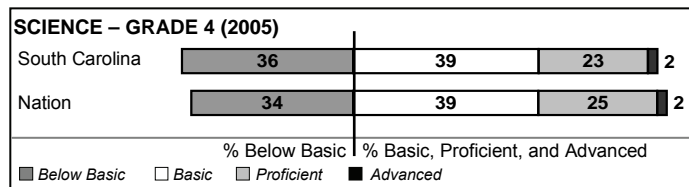
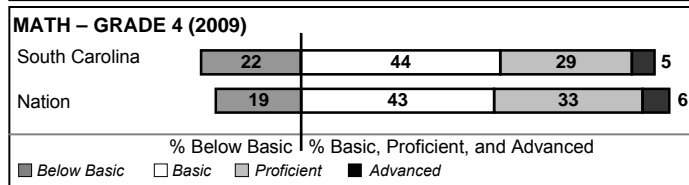
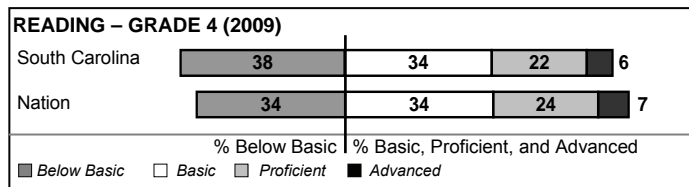
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

2020 Vision:

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

|  | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Students (n=265)</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Retention rate   | 0.7%       | Down from 2.4%        | 0.8%                                       | 1.2%                     |
| Attendance rate  | 96.6%      | Down from 96.9%       | 96.6%                                      | 96.1%                    |
| Eligible for gifted and talented   | 18.8%      | Up from 12.7%         | 17.0%                                      | 11.7%                    |
| With disabilities other than speech  | 15.3%      | Up from 14.1%         | 6.8%                                       | 8.0%                     |
| Older than usual for grade   | 0.4%       | Down from 1.2%        | 0.2%                                       | 0.4%                     |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.0%       | Down from 0.4%        | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Teachers (n=16)</b>   |            |                       |  |                          |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 62.5%      | Down from 70.6%       | 62.4%                                      | 60.5%                    |
| Continuing contract teachers   | 75.0%      | Up from 70.6%         | 86.2%                                      | 84.6%                    |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates                          | 0.0%       | No Change             | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 81.5%      | Up from 75.6%         | 89.4%                                      | 87.0%                    |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 96.3%      | Down from 97.1%       | 95.8%                                      | 95.4%                    |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$45,447   | Down 6.2%             | \$48,360                                   | \$47,288                 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 0.0%       | Down from 6.2%        | 0.0%                                       | 0.0%                     |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 11.7 days  | Down from 25.0 days   | 11.4 days                                  | 10.5 days                |
| <b>School</b>  |            |                       |  |                          |
| Principal's years at school  | 12.0       | Up from 11.0          | 4.0  | 4.0                      |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 23.5 to 1  | Up from 21.7 to 1     | 19.9 to 1                                  | 19.2 to 1                |
| Prime instructional time   | 92.0%      | Up from 91.8%         | 91.8%                                      | 90.8%                    |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Good       | No Change             | Good                                       | Good                     |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes        | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                      |
| Parents attending conferences  | 98.1%      | Down from 99.5%       | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |
| Character development program  | Excellent  | No Change             | Excellent                                  | Excellent                |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$8,015    | Down 2.1%             | \$7,214                                    | \$7,548                  |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 58.3%      | Down from 61.5%       | 69.4%                                      | 68.7%                    |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 56.6%      | Up from 55.5%         | 66.3%                                      | 65.1%                    |
| % of AYP objectives met  | 100.0%     | No Change             | 100.0%                                     | 100.0%                   |

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 17       | 48        | 48       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 100.0%   | 87.5%     | 84.8%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0%   | 95.7%     | 89.6%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 100.0%   | 93.8%     | 78.7%    |

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission Statement of Carolina Elementary School is "A community of learners dedicated to student achievement."

The purpose of Carolina Elementary School is to promote academic excellence in each student's life and to establish positive relationships with the entire learning community. The steps that we take today lead to the successes of tomorrow.

We are delighted to announce that Carolina Elementary met all the student achievement goals determined by Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) results. Our state report score was: Good (Absolute) and Good (Improvement). We scored higher than district and state averages in all grade levels. We also met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) by achieving 17 out of 17 criteria. The data is posted on the district website (darlington.k12.sc.us) and the state website (scde.com).

Carolina was honored as a National Blue Ribbon School in Washington, DC in October 2009, and in Columbia as well in February 2010. As a celebration, the entire school went on a field trip to Sumter to see the ballet "Frosty the Snowman" and also ate lunch at Swan Lake. Harrison Corns won the state prize for a dinosaur essay, which provided a free trip to Columbia for all the third graders to see the "Walking with Dinosaurs" show.

This year Carolina Elementary celebrated its 60th year anniversary. Alumni from the first class had breakfast with us on the first day of school this year. It was delightful to hear them share their memories from times past. Two of the alumni have grandchildren who started at Carolina this year—60 years after they began their educational journey. To help celebrate this anniversary, parents, students, faculty, and alumni created a 60th anniversary cookbook and sold them to fund our fitness trail. In November, during American Education Week, alumni were invited to visit on Grandparents' Day, to take part in our Book Fair, hear the fifth graders play the Alma Mater, and share in a big birthday cake. Our second Science Showcase was held in February with a food auction sponsored by the Carolina Elementary School Education Foundation.

As part of National Network of Partnering Schools (NNPS), we provided "Drive through Breakfast" to our parents twice during the year. "Lunch bunch" is a time when parents and grandparents read to our students during lunch. Carolina is part of the Darlington County Technology Plan. This spring, Carolina received new computers for the computer lab and the media center. The PTO is planning a fitness trail for our playground area. We have received a grant from the Wildlife Federation to help fund this endeavor. Teachers received classroom grants from the Carolina Elementary School Education Foundation to enrich classroom instruction.

Donna R. Barrett, Principal  
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